

NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER REGULATION 32 FILM POSTERS

VIDEO SLICK

TO: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
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Pursuant to regulation 32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 the film poster entitled:

David Christopher's Pussyman Takes Hollywood

is **Not Approved.**

if approval refused, the reasons for the decision:

The video slick contains images and text which are strongly degrading and dehumanising to women. The frequent use of the word "pussy" along side images of women masturbating, including one image of a woman masturbating on the toilet, splaying their genitals and engaging in vaginal intercourse reinforces the notion that the women are reduced to body parts. This degrading and dehumanising effect is reinforced by text which describes women in terms of their body parts and sexual availability.

The Classification Office is of the view that the manner in which the video slick degrades and dehumanises women is sufficiently strong that if the video slick were submitted to the Classification Office under s13(1) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 it would be classified as objectionable.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in classifying the video slick. The Classification Office is of the opinion that the classification of the video slick is a justifiable limit on the freedom of expression that is prescribed by law given the strong manner in which the women are degraded and dehumanised.

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Date: 09 September 1998

For the Classification Office (signed):

OFLC Ref: 9800655